

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER



DATE

May 25, 2011

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER



DOCKET NO.

2011-82-G

UTILITIES MATTER



ORDER NO.

2011-402

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2011-82-G - Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for the Suspension of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Piedmont Natural Gas Company Hedging Programs - Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

At the April 21, 2011, briefing on this matter, we heard about the changing conditions in the natural gas market and various opinions concerning whether the financial gas hedging programs should be suspended as a result. Recently, we received testimony from an electric utility stating that financial gas hedging is needed to reduce the price risk and volatility of gas prices for customers, especially as the Company's gas-fired generation would increase significantly in the future. It is my opinion that the Commission needs to hear from both our gas utilities and our electric utilities concerning the market for natural gas and the resulting need for financial gas hedging. Therefore, I move that a Generic Hearing be scheduled, as soon as possible, on this matter and direct Staff, in conjunction with our gas and electric utilities, to do so.

PRESIDING: WrightSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u> Annual Leave
MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WRIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding